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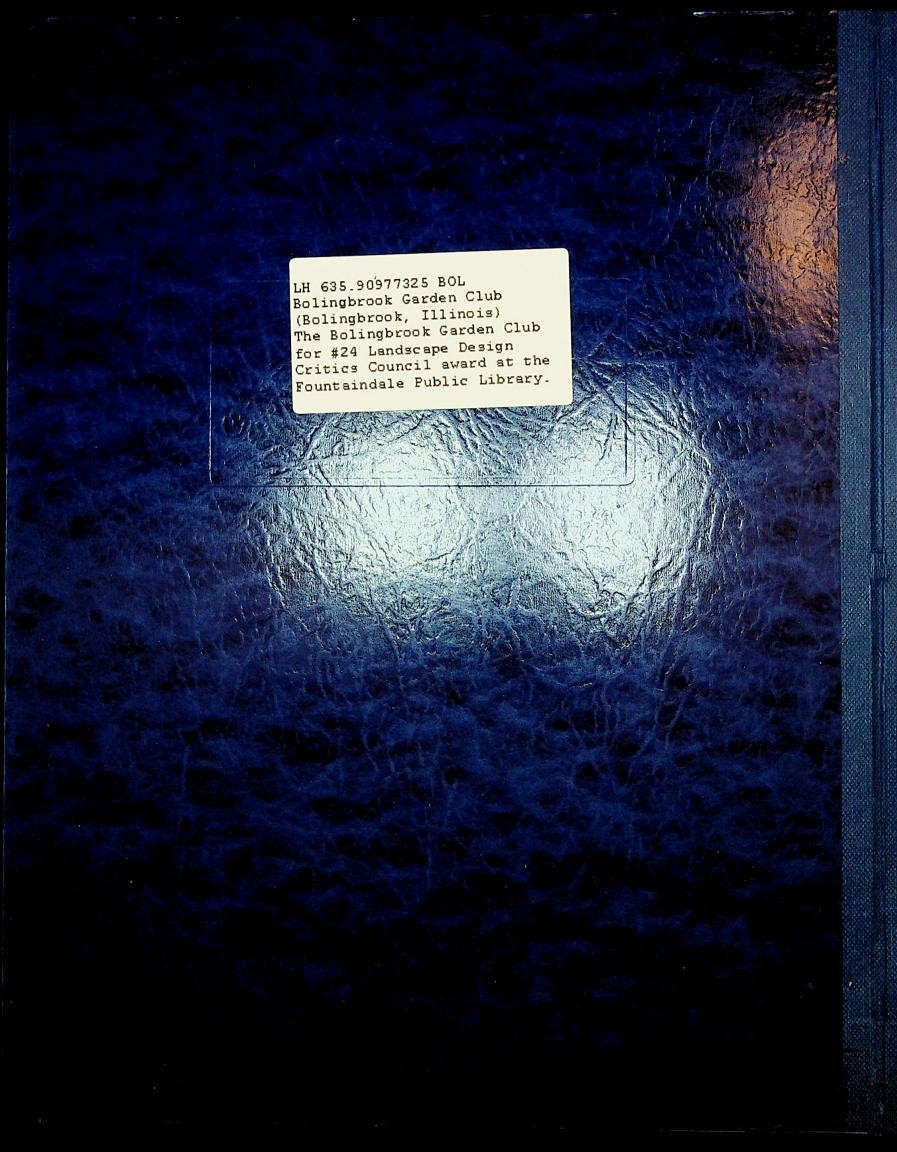
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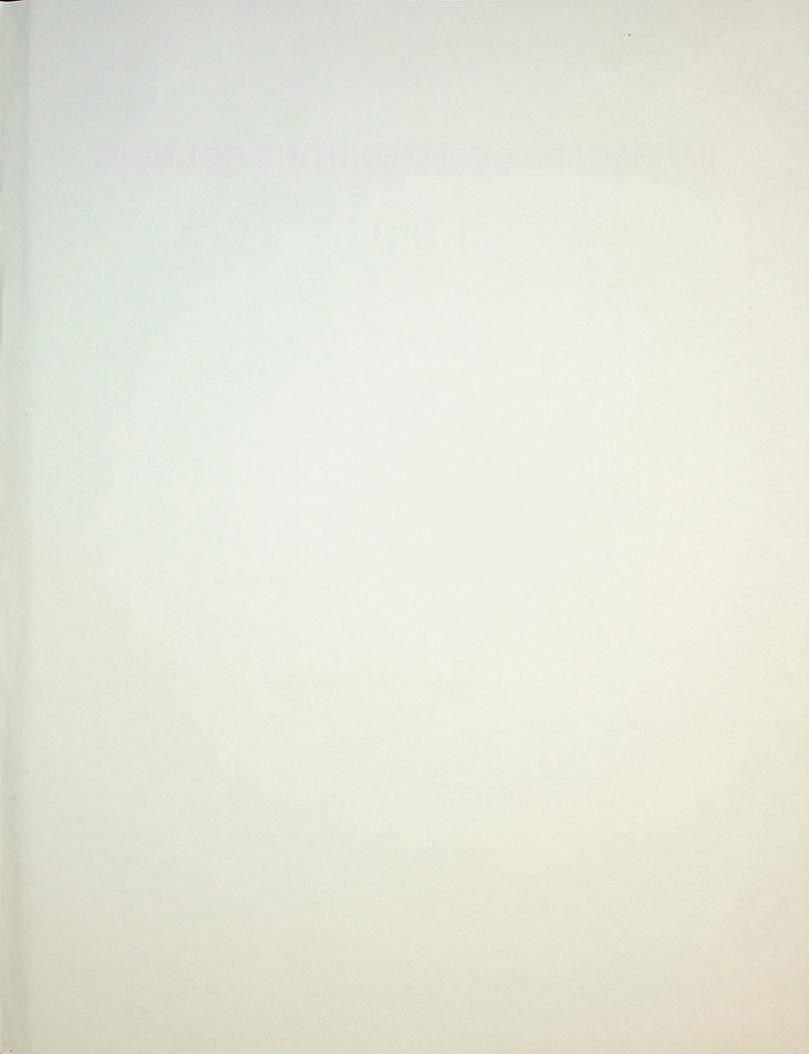
THE BOLINGBROOK GARDEN CLUB

FOR

#24 Landscape Design Critics Council Award at the

Fountaindale Public Library

Council Chairman



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BOLINGBROOK, ILLINOIS 60440

23 Members

Submitted by: Marianne Kaspar, Historian 1996 2 Golf View Court Bolingbrook, Illinois 60440

The Bolingbrook Garden Club presents for consideration its project for renovating and relandscaping our public library's neglected sunken courtyard garden. Our objectives were to educate our garden club members on principles of design and how to follow through with a landscaping project and to benefit our community by providing a serene environment to mirror the recently renovated library interior. We also wanted to share our enthusiasm for gardening by involving the library staff in implementing the project and educating them so they will be able to maintain the area for years to come for their own enjoyment and for all library patrons.

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Early in 1996, the Bolingbrook Garden Club's Civic Committee chose the library courtyard project because it was badly in need of renovation and it had the potential for effecting a large portion of the community. The Civic Committee set some criteria prior to accepting the project: 1) the site chosen must be able to be irrigated on a regular basis, 2) the organization in charge of the site must be willing to spend time caring for it, 3) they must be able to pay for the materials, and 4) they must exhibit a real desire for us to engage in this project. Anne Vinyard, head of the Civic Gardening Committee, consulted with Karen Anderson, the head librarian, about the project. Ms. Anderson was very enthusiastic and receptive to the idea. The library staff couldn't wait for us to get started.

After the project was approved by the club, four committees were formed to implement the project. These committees were 1)design, 2)purchase, 3)installation, and 4)maintenance.

The project was funded by the Fountaindale Library and we were given a \$3,000 budget. The 544 square foot planting area (excluding hardscape) was completed under budget.

The design committee met March 23, 1996 for the first time. After measuring and evaluating the site, the members were asked for what they envisioned for the site. Each member's ideas were very different. Unity of design was needed. The committee subsequently broke down to systematically evaluate the soil, light, and temperature requirements of the location along with which existing plants were to be retained. Subgroups were formed to research appropriate plant materials to fit these requirements. The materials considered were groundcovers, perennials, shrubs, vines, trees, and landscape stone. committee members met the following four Mondays to present their findings to the group and, form a plan, in the end, which was a unique blending of ideas from each member. The library staff's request to retain the ivy on the walls was incorporated into the plan. With later plans for fall bulb planting, this garden had four season interest.

Landscape and garden centers were researched and chosen on the basis of who best fit our needs for plant material price and size, and availability.

Lynn Kalata and Ron Picco, members who are on the staff of Morton Arboretum, professionally pruned the existing trees. The library's contracted landscaper, Ken Spade, was enlisted to remove old plant material, rototill soil amendments into the beds and auger piping under the sidewalks for the irrigation system.

The purchase committee was formed to procure plants that we

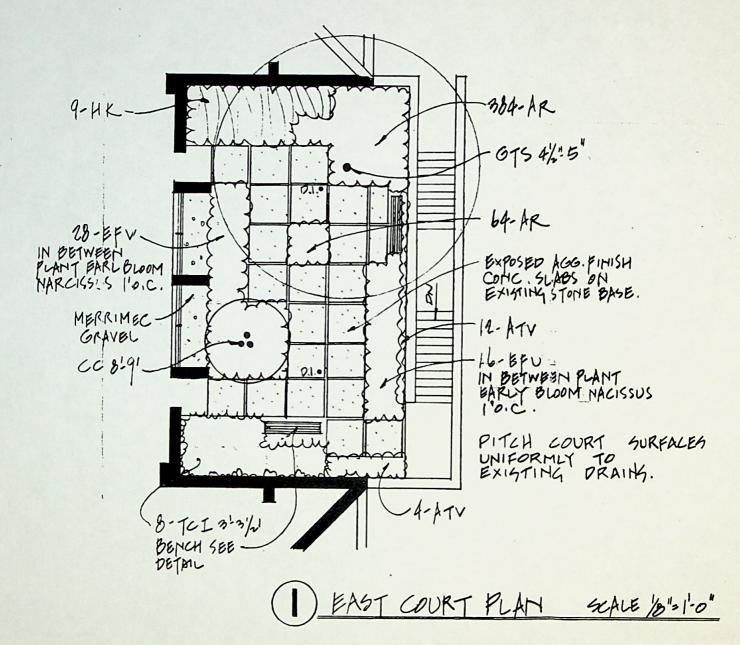
were unable to order. Monday, May 20, this group traveled from St. Charles to Joliet to obtain these plants.

Saturday, June 8 was the target planting date, but rain delays pushed the date to June 22. The area was first staked and gridded for precise plant placement. The irrigation system was installed and the area was mulched. The existing benches were cleaned and restained. For the final touch, a decorative but functional birdhouse was added to one of the trees.

A post-planting maintenance group checked the site weekly to be sure everything was growing and the watering system was working properly. They answered any questions the library staff had about the site. Pictures were taken of each type of plant to go into a book the committee is making for the library staff. It will give detailed descriptions of the material for maintenance and troubleshooting for problems. It will be presented to the staff November 4.

October 26 was the date for bulb planting. Garden club members interplanted the area with botanical tulips and daffodils.

Finally, each member of the club was given drawings of the library site to make an artistic rendering of the project. They will be presented to the library November 4, so the library staff may choose their favorite to frame and exhibit next to the garden. This will complete our project. The garden is there to be enjoyed by all.



Original plantings in courtyard Fountaindale Public Library

Source: blueprints for landscaping, 1975

Code	Botanical name	Common name
HK	hypericum kalmianum	St. Johnswort
EFV	euonymus fort. vegetus Bigleaf wintercreeper	
TCI	taxus cuspidata intermedia	Intermediate yew
ATV	ampelopsis tricuspidata veitchi	Boston ivy
AR	auuga reptan Bugleweed	
CC	cercis canadensis Redbud	
GTS	gleditsia tricanthos skyline	Honeylocust
IV	ilex verticillata 5	Winterberry

To: Anne Vinyard

Bolingbrook Garden Club

Attached are copies of the original landscaping plan for the courtyards at the Fountaindale Public Library, recent photos of the courtyards, and a listing of the plants originally planted in the courtyard.

There are sump pumps located in each courtyard. These sump pumps were replaced within the last three years; however, in the spring I will have both sump pumps inspected by a plumber to verify that they are operating properly.

The Library will provide a plaque in the area indicating that the Bolingbrook Garden Club did the design and planting of the courtyards.

I sincerely appreciate that the Bolingbrook Garden Club is considering the library as a site for the civic project. If I can be of help in anyway, or provide additional information, please let me know.

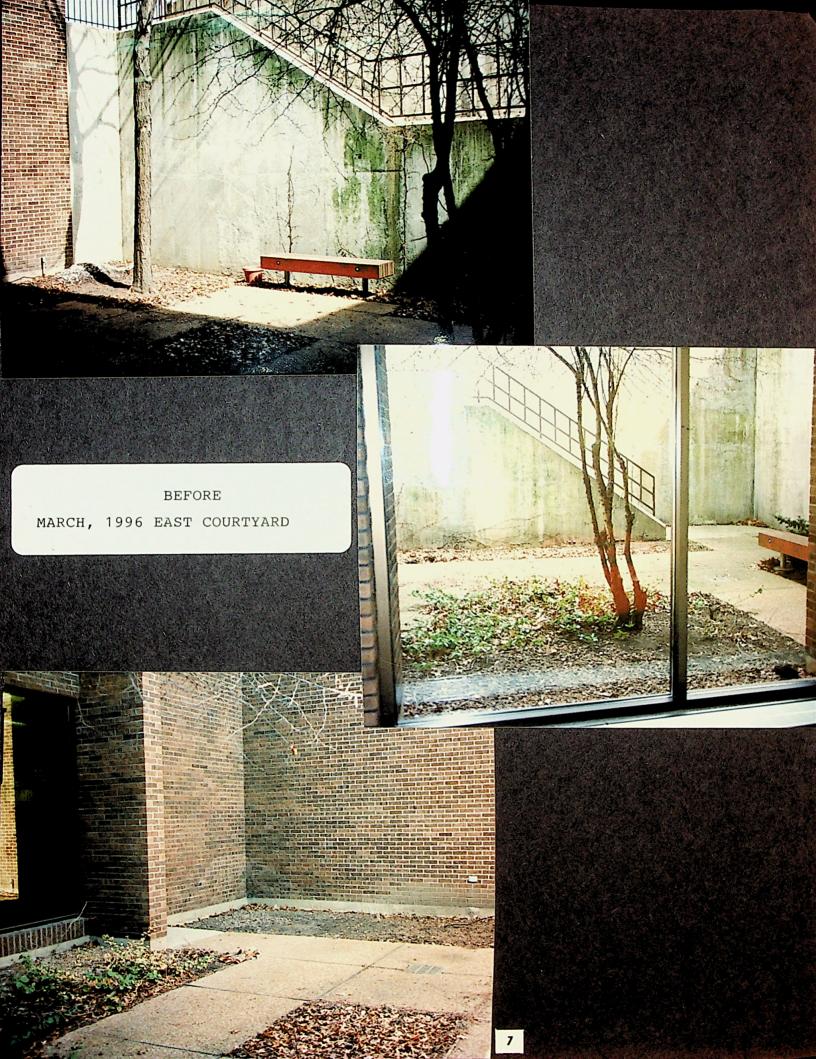


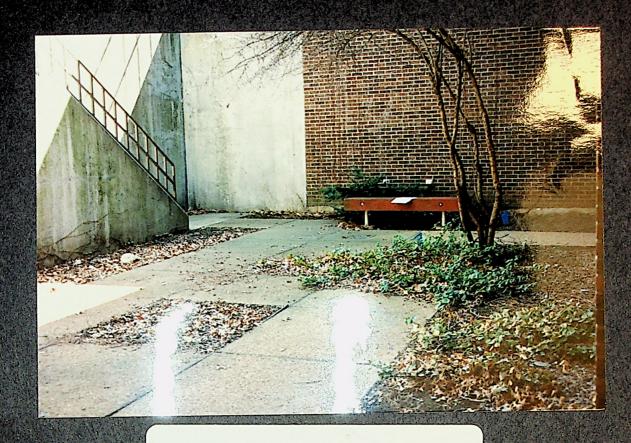
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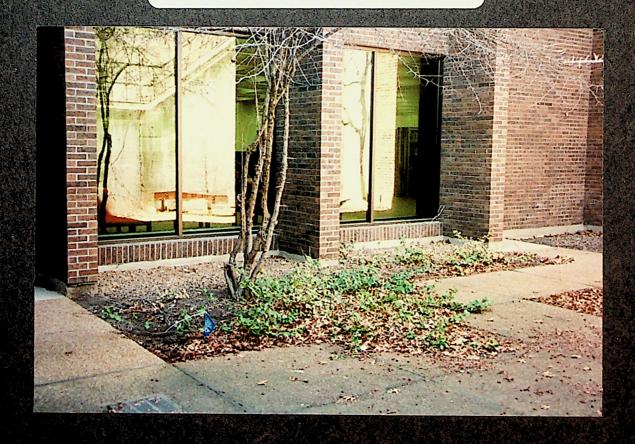
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BEFORE
MARCH, 1996 EAST COURTYARD



Sorme is in full bloom

dreams blossom into Let your

By Patricia Conway and Leanne Mieszala The Metropolitan It won't be long now. Spring is dancing into our hearts, and summer will soon follow with a wonderous whirl of warm days, thunderstorms, fluffy clouds and floral scents.

Now, in the earliest part of spring, is the time to plan your garden.

Dream cozy, like an English cottage garden; dream grand, like a Versailles palatial garden; dream mysterious, like an evening-scented garden; dream impressionistic, like Monet's lily ponds; or dream natural, like an Illinois prairie

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No matter what style you prefer, just dream it!

As in the children's book, "The Secret Garden," perhaps you have a hidden garden tucked away in your thoughts that needs cultivating to come to life. Rest assured, there are a myriad of resources to help you uncover your hidden dream garden.

In the phone book alone, you will find numerous garden centers, garden and lawn equipment and supply companies, landscape architects and designers, greenhouses and landscape contractors

ready to assist you — not to premention clubs, such as the the Bolingbrook Garden Club and iss the Lemont Garden Club, and private gardens, such as the Morton Arboretum. The University of Illinois Cooperative the Extension Service also does The soil samples and has a garden rainhelpline.

So, plant that seed and watch summer bloom right before your very eyes.

Local clubs

A young but very active group, the Bolingbrook Garden Club has approximately 24 members and is a couple of years old according to Jackie Thompson, membership chairwoman of the Bolingbrook Garden Club.

"The club was recently given an award by the Garden Clubs of Illinois as being the most active new garden club," said Thompson, adding that the club is small in comparison to others.

"We were responsible for relandscaping a portion of the Bolingbrook Village Hall, and our future plans include landscaping the library. Members of the club also work with the Bolingbrook Park District as volunteer gardeners," she said.

The club meets once a month and on occasion hosts

professional speakers to share their expertise on gardening issues

Joliet Junior College. A tree is **Bolingbrook Park District**, and raised from the sale is used to ing home patients, courtesy of given to a local student in one club to furnish plants to nursand a scholarship that will be Club members also sponsor of the horticulture programs Thompson explained. Money at the College of DuPage or plans are underway for the fund professional speakers plants they have grown in also being donated to the a plant sale that includes their own back yards, the plant sale.

According to Thompson, the club's main purpose is to educate and promote horticulture in the area.

"Our membership includes a variety of expertise. One of the things that I enjoy most about being a member of the garden club is getting together and being able to share ideas with others," she said.

Helpful hints

Early spring marks a time when gardeners prepare their gardens, noted Thompson.

"Most planting is done during the middle to end of April. Typically, this includes the

your of heartier plants, "Water gardens can be as while annuals can usually be simple as digging a hole and

planting of neartier plants, while annuals can usually be planted in mid-May.

"When planning your garden, it is important to know

when planning your garden, it is important to know what kind of soil you have, how it drains and how much sunlight it gets," said Thompson, adding that proper gardening goes beyond just digging a hole and sticking a plant in it.

A perfect garden to enjoy after a hectic day is an evening scented garden, an oasis where you can kick back, relax and savor a cup of coffee in the midst of sweet fragrant

"Moon gardens are very beautiful and contain flowers that open at night providing a sweet-smelling fragrance. Flowers found in this type of garden are typically light-colored, and their beauty is enhanced by the moonlight," Thompson said.

"One of the latest trends in gardening," Thompson believes "is the planting of edible plants alongside annuals and perennials."

"In a setting such as this, the plants do extremely well. Rhubarbs and cabbages are just beautiful," she said.

Another trend in the Bolingbrook area is pond garden ing, noted Thompson.

simple as digging a hole and filling it with water to as elaborate as filling a hole with rubber-type liners and adding water, plants, fish, heaters and even waterfalls. The beauty of this type of garden is that if it is done right, it takes care of itself," explained Thompson adding, "Plants suitable for a pond include, but are not lim-

Pond gardening is fun to create and is not that difficult according to Thompson who has put one in her back yard.

ited to, water lilies and float-

ng plants."

Lynne Kalata, also a member of the Bolingbrook Garden Club, revealed her hidden passion for roses.

"I have between 85-100 roses in my yard that include climbers, teas, miniatures, shrubs and some old garden roses in a variety of colors," she explained. "My roses are mixed in with perennials, annuals and other shrubs."

Kalata offered the following advice for rose enthusiasts.

"When planting roses, you, need to select an area that receives at least six hours of sunlight and contains well-drained soil," instructed Kalata. "The hole should be 2 feet wide and 18 inches deep."

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Cathy Armstrong

Out and About

Bolingbrook Garden Club. ception. They love to garden - especially those who formed the ery culture finds refuge in nature. People in our area are no expalatial English flower beds to quiet Oriental rock gardens, ev-Having a garden seems to be a universal pleasure. From large

required to join. The Garden Club began in 1993. Expertise in gardening is not

belong simply because of an interest in gardening, and others are certified horticulturists." "We're a mixed group," said President Carol Powley. "Some

every second Thursday of the month at Fire Station #4. expand their knowledge of gardening. They meet at 7:30 p.m., Currently there are 23 members, who gather once a month to

group takes garden walks and looks at each other's gardens. During the summer months, instead of organized meetings, the

your garden. dens, so it's fun to see what they've done and get new ideas for longer," said Powley. "Often people change and add to their gar-"Most of our members have had gardens four or five years or

dried flower arranging and cooking with home grown herbs. speaker. Some of last year's topics have included information on den Club. Each meeting features a different program or guest cludes receiving the quarterly magazine from the Illinois Garlandscape and design, trees and shrubs for a perennial garden, Dues for the Bolingbrook Garden Club are \$15 a year that in-

> \$1,000. People are obviously happy with the quality of the plants. bers' gardens or greenhouses. This year, they raised more than plant sale held in mid-May. The club sells plants grown in mem-The big fund-raiser of the year for the garden club is its annual

survive in the soil and conditions of Bolingbrook," said Powley. ple who live in Bolingbrook, there's a good chance the plant will "Because the plants we sell are grown in Bolingbrook by peo-

ed the flowers around the flagpole in front of Village Hall. once planted. For example, one year the Civic Committee plantmittee, the garden club chooses one project where they can beaumotes gardening to the community. Through their Civic Comthe community, can be seen by the public and will be maintained tify Bolingbrook. The group looks for projects that will benefit Besides fund-raising and garden programs, the club also pro-

8, they will plant flowering shrubs, vines, ferns and a variety of brook branch of the Fountaindale Library. On Saturday, June This year, the committee has chosen a project at the Boling-

perennial flowers on the east side of the library.

said Ann Vineyard, Civic Committee member. "Hopefully, the weather will allow us to get in there and plant,"

It was Vineyard who suggested the library for a garden club

den," she said. "I felt the library had the potential to have a really nice gar-

with plant names and descriptions. puter. Eventually these plans will hang in the library, complete Vineyard also helped design the plans for the garden by com-

Everyone involved is enthusiastic about the project.

Librarian Karen Anderson. "We really enjoyed working with the garden club," said Head

something good for everyone. Vineyard is also excited about the project, which she sees as

the community as a whole," she said "This project is beneficial to the garden club, the library and

All area residents are invited to join the club. Individuals may

attend two meetings before committing to membership.

Powley. "Come to two meetings and look us over. "You don't have to make the decision immediately to join," said

Anyone interested in the garden club can call Powley at (708)

COPLEY NEWSPAPERS

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Draw plan
Create budget and materials list (including sources)
Present plan to library
Modify (if needed) and represent to library
Create care instruction manual for library staff
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Design Committee Members

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PERENNIALS

Alchemilla mollis (Lady's-mantle) Hardy Zone: 4-8

Description: Clump-forming, ground cover that has rounded, pale green leaves with crinkled edges.

Flower Color: Bears small sprays of tiny, bright greenish yellow flowers with conspicuous outer calyces

Soil: Grows in all but boggy soils, in sun or partial shade

Size: H 18"

Amsonia tabernaemontana (Blue Star) Hardy Zone: 4-8

Description: Clump-forming perennial with willowy stems. Leaves are small and narrow

Flower: Drooping clusters of small, tubular pale blue flowers

Soil: Well-drained soil, semi-shade

Size: H 36" S 12"

Astilbe (False Spirea) Hardy Zone: 5-9 Description: Leafy perennial with strong stems

Flower: Neat, tapering, feathery panicles of tiny flowers

Winter Interest: Flowers turn brown and keep their shape in winter

Soil: Prefers humis-rich soil, semi-shade. Spring mulch of well-rotted compost

Size: Varies

Bergenia (Pigsqueak) Hardy Zone 3-8

Description: Evergreen, clump-forming perennial that has flat, oval, green leaves with toothed margins

Flowers: Red or pink in early spring

Soil: Sun or shade and any well-drained soil, but leaf color is best in poor soil and in full sun

Size: H 12-18" S 20"

Chelone oblique (Red turtlehead) Hardy Zone 5-9

Description: Upright perennial, leaves dark green and lance shapped

Flower: Terminal spikes of hooded, lilac-pink flowers

Soil: Semi-shade and moist soil

Size: H 3' S 20"

Dicentra (Bleeding Heart) Hardy Zone: 4-8

Description: Leafy perennial forming a hummock of fernlike, deeply cut foliage

Flowers: Arching stems carrying pendent, heart-shaped flowers (white, pink, rose-pink)

Soil: Semi-shade, humus rich, moist but well-drained soil

Size: Varies 15-24"

Doronicum cordatum (Leopard's Bane) Hardy Zone: 4-5

Description: Clump-forming perennial with heart-shaped, bright green leaves Flowers: Small daisylike clear yellow flower heads on slender, branching stems

Soil: Full light or shade with any well-drained soil

Size: H 30" S 2'

Heuchera (Coralbells) Hardy Zone: 4-8

Description: Clump-forming perennial, heart-shaped leaves (evergreen or deep purple leaves)

Flowers: Sprays of white, pink or red flowers in summer Soil: Semi-shade or moisture-retentive but well-drained soil

Size: H 24" S 20"

Hosta (Funkia, Plantation Lily) Hardy Zone: 4-9 Description: Decorative foliage, forms large clumps Flowers: Spikes of flowers white, lilac, lavendar or violet Soil: Shade and rich moist well-drained neutral soil

Size: Varies

Mertensia virginica (Virginia bluebells) Hardy Zone 4-9 Description: Oval leaves of soft blue-green. Dies down in summer.

Flowers: Funnel shaped, rich blue flowers Soil: Sun or shade and deep well-drained soil

Size: H 12-24" S 12-18"

Polyganatum odoratum (Angles Solomon's Seal) Hardy Zone 4-9

Description: Oval to lance-shaped leaves are green

Flower: Fragrant tubular to bell-shaped, green-tipped white flowers

Soil: Cool, shady situation and fertile, well-drained soil

Size: H 2' S 1'

Smilacina racemosa (False Solomon's Seal) Hardy Zone: 4-9

Description: Arching perennial, has oval, light green leaves

Flower: Feathery sprays of white flowers

Soil: Semi-shade and humus rich, moist, neutral to acid soil

Size: H 2 1/2-3' S 1 1/2'

Sample Plant List from Design Committee Category: perennials 11-36"

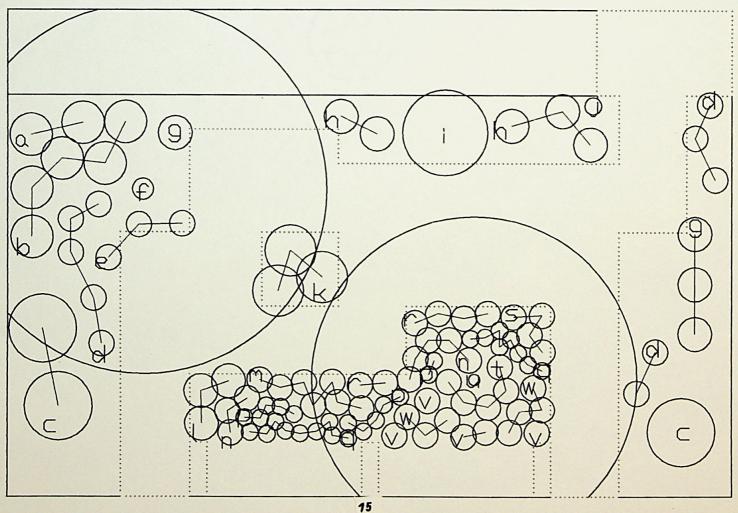
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- Dicentra spectabilis a
- Matteuccia struthiopteris b
- Clethra alnifolia C
- Hosta 'Francee' d
- Gleditisia triacanthos var. inermis
- Buxus 'Chicagoland Green' g
- Veronica longifolia 'Rosea'
- Kerria japonica 'Pleniflora'
- Wisteria machrostachaya
- Rudbeckia 'Goldsturm' k
- Hemerocallis 'Summer Wine'
- m Achillea x 'Moonshine'
- Astilbe chinensis 'Pumila'

- Heuchera x brizoides 'Firesprite'
- Hosta 'Ginko Graig'
- Astilbe 'Deutschland'
- s Brunnera macrophylla
- Athyrium nipponicum 'Pictum'
- u Craetagus crusgalli
- v Lamium 'White Nancy'
- w Corydalis lutea

Pachysandra terminalis Parthenocissus tricuspidata Vinca minor

Bolingbrook Garden Club Design for East Courtyard



PLANT & MATERIAL AQUISITION

Create actual purchase orders (must work with library staff) Order (as early as possible) and Schedule:

Plants with delivery or pick-up Soil amendments and preparation:

Who does the physical work

Materials to do with

Delivery of materials--person doing work must do this!!

Supervision of labor (give instructions on how to do)

Purchase of miscellaneous materials (e.g. garden hose, sprinklers, timers, fertilizers, stakes for vines, chicken grit, garden ornaments, and other misc. which may be in plan)

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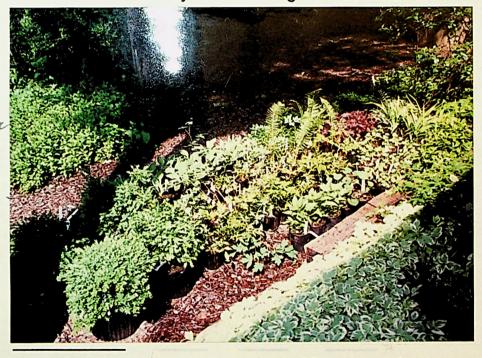
THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING THIS BIRD HOME

It was handcrafted from recycled old wood and metal of barns and homes in southeastern II. Each design represents a particular structure that is common to this part of the state. Through the use of the recycled materials, some being up to 100 yrs. old, a decorative and nostalg, price of folk art has been created. You can enjoy them as a wonderful accent indoors or adopt a bird family outdoors and provide them with a cozy shelter. Everyone ought to keep a little country in their life. Made in the U.S.A., "just down the road."

Thank you,
Nature Creations

Phone

Check Your Availability
Day Evening Weekend



Miscellaneous Plants

Waiting at Carol's house for a

planting date

PRE-PLANTING & FINAL TOUCHES

Preparation:

- √ Create plant placement stakes
- √Garden hoses are set up to water plants in
- J Have brooms and other clean-up materials ready to be used
- Accept delivery of plants which are delivered
- Put plants in "courtyard" after delivery
- Keep plants watered until they are planted
- Protect carpet in library with drop cloths if it is necessary (includes removal) Place plants near area to be planted
 - Talk with library staff about trash disposal (plant id stakes, plant trays, paper cups for beverages)
- Create phone tree of planting volunteers (including library staff who wish to help) in case of bad weather

Have Had can

Day of:

Have water cooler and cups for volunteers

Walkways are swept

Piles of mulch are dispersed throughout planting

Trash is disposed of

Sprinkling system is set up and functional

All plants have been watered in

All vines along walls are on stakes to promote upward growth

Name

Phone

Check Your Availability

Day

Evening

Weekend

Bringing our Equipment



01:00 am

ACTUAL PLANTING

6/8

Raindates:

0/9

0/15

Plant plants, put in garden ornaments, put in edgings if needed Top dress area planted with mulch (& chicken grit if needed) Water in plants in area you planted Make sure any wall vines are staked to grow upwards

Make sure any wall vines are staked to grow upwards

Phone June 8 49 6

Make Share Share

Swam Hotte

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POST-PLANTING

Check soil weekly for too little or too much water and inform library staff Answer questions from library staff about plants Check wall vines weekly to make sure they are growing upwards

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Watering system needs adjustment	
	Those vines are growing

Hardening is nice...



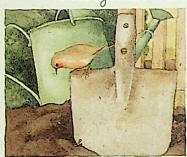


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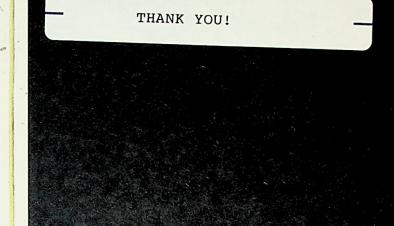


taking nature a bit into your hands.





YOU'RE WELCOME!



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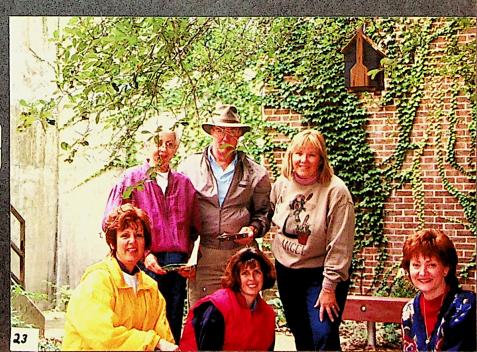
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Fall Bulb Planting October 26, 1996



Look at those vines now!



Anne Vinyard 7456 Gorden Club Members And finally...
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